



The Point After

“Work Hard - Be Safe - Have Fun”

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Shop With A Cop

On Wednesday, October 19th we participated in the Salvation Army’s Shop With a Cop event. We joined with Rice County Deputies and Morristown Officers at Wal-Mart to shop and then Subway for dinner. This was a great way to connect with the kids, and a positive, rewarding experience for the officers.

Officers who attended were (left to right): **Sergeant Matt Knutson**, **RCSO Investigator Paul LaRoche**, **Lieutenant Joe Yetzer**, **Deputy Dan Berndtson**, **Morristown Officer Chris Langr**, **Chief Andy Bohlen**, **CSO Marsden Powell**, **Officer Mike Thul** and **K9 Chase**, **Officer Greta Luiken**, **Officer Jeff Bur-**

bank, **Sergeant Eric Sammon**, **Officer Mallory House** and **Officer Said Hilowle**.



Criminal Sexual Conduct Arrest

On Sunday, October 16th, **Officer Jeff Burbank** responded to a reported sexual assault. The caller reported he had found a woman outside of his residence with torn clothing. She was transported to the hospital. **Sergeant Brandon Gliem** responded to assist with the investigation. The victim identified her assailant, and provided a description to officers, who began searching the area. A short time later, **Officers Said Hilowle**, **Greta Luiken** and **Sergeant Eric**

Sammon found the suspect, Shawn Valstad, 36. Officers found two baggies containing suspected methamphetamine and a pipe in Valstad’s bag. Valstad told officers that he had engaged in consensual sexual activity with the victim, and denied attacking her. Valstad was arrested and jailed. He was charged with 1st degree Criminal Sexual Conduct (two counts) and 5th degree Controlled Substances. His bail was set at \$75,000 with conditions.



Warrant of the Week

Our warrant of the week is for Gary Percival, 30. He is currently charged with Stalking, and he failed to appear for a hearing on August 9.

Percival is 6'0" tall, weighs 180 pounds, has black hair and brown eyes.

If you have information about Percival's whereabouts, please call us at 507-334-4305.



“Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die.”

*Carrie Fisher
Born October 21, 1956*

Our Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) officers continue conducting enhanced seatbelt enforcement through October 30. Although Rice County is no longer in the top 13 deadliest

counties, let's all do our part to stay off that list by driving safely. Remember to buckle up, slow down, drive sober and don't text while driving.



Halloween Safety Tips

With Halloween around the corner, here are some safety tips for kids:

Costumes:
My costume is short and snug
Baggy sleeves, big capes, puffy skirts can trip you up and catch fire if they brush against jack-o-lanterns or candle flames.

My shoes fit
Big floppy shoes (clown shoes, adult shoes) that are hard to walk in may make you fall.

My costume props are flexible
Costume props can hurt you badly if you fall. Make sure swords, knives, etc. are made of flexible plastic or rubber.

The eyeholes in my mask are wide enough
Make sure if you wear a mask that it fits you properly and the eye-holes allow you to see fully.

Don't wear a mask that is too loose; it can slop and block your vision. Even better, paint your face instead of wearing a mask. Make-up is a better option over masks.

Streets:
Drivers can see my costume in the dark
Be original with a glow in the dark costume by attaching some reflective tape and stickers. Attach glow sticks to your costume.



I'm trick or treating in a group
Don't go it alone while trick or treating. Kids, if you're under age 13, make sure you go with an adult. Older kids should always go with buddies.

I cross the streets at crosswalks and intersections
Stop at street corners. Look left, right and left again before crossing, and don't cross between parked cars! Remember, never step into the street without looking to see if a vehicle is coming.

Treats:
I make sure my parents check my treats before I eat them
Pick only wrapped candy when you trick or treat. Ask your parents to check all treats to make sure they are safe.

BE SAFE and HAVE FUN!

**Questions?
Comments?**

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